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Subject: Whitebark Pine Restoration Proposals (CORRECTED FINAL)

To: Forest and Grasslands Supervisors

OPTIONAL REPLY DUE OCTOBER 1, 2011

Attached is the call for whitebark pine restoration proposals for fiscal year 2012. For the past several years, this proposal process has been used very successfully for prioritizing and funding whitebark pine projects within the Forest Health Protection (FHP) program across multiple Forest Service Regions, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations. This will continue; however, Region 1 will also simultaneously use this process to prioritize whitebark pine projects specific to Region 1, which may be suitable for other funding and which do not get FHP funding. With whitebark pine habitat spanning 5 million acres across all 12 National Forests in Region 1, we feel this is the best way to increase awareness, funding, and partnership opportunities for whitebark pine restoration.

Forests should consider the many facets of whitebark pine restoration in developing proposals such as inventory of past disturbances in suitable habitat, treatments to release existing populations, planting and operational cone collections, seeding trials, and studies which enhance or further the knowledge of whitebark pine silvics and ecology. Additionally, FHP is requesting proposals for cone collection for the Gene Conservation Program in high elevation five needle pines (whitebark, limber, bristlecone and foxtail pines). Selection of projects (FHP and additional R1 projects) will be on a competitive basis. All funds should be spent or obligated prior to September 30, 2012, although there may be minor exceptions dependent on R1 partnership agreements. Forests will receive instructions for final accomplishment reports when they receive notice of project selection.

Units do not need to submit proposals for projects related to the Whitebark Pine Genetic Restoration Program (plus tree identification, cone, scion, pollen, and aeciospores collections, seed orchard development, etc.), as these needs will be included in the FY12 budget advice. Also, projects involving protecting trees from mountain pine beetle attacks (verbenone and carbaryl applications) are funded through a separate process and need not be duplicated in this call for restoration proposals.

Restoration proposals must be submitted using the appropriate form (attached) and are limited to 3 pages in length. Include a brief description of the project, the geographic location, basic purpose and scope, as well as what specific results are expected. Be clear in how this project contributes to the restoration of whitebark pine either locally or on a broader scale. Include a clear financial plan with the amount of funding requested, how funds will be used, and what the matching funds are. Proposals showing matching funds (which includes forest contribution) and broad geographic and ecological application will receive higher priority.



Submit proposals for whitebark pine restoration and gene conservation cone collection, using the attached forms and referring to the instructions, to John Schwandt (jschwandt@fs.fed.us) by October 1, 2011. You may contact John with more questions at the FHP Coeur d'Alene field office (208) 765-7415 or Steve Shelly in the Regional Office (406) 329-3041. Questions regarding the Gene Conservation Program should be directed to Gary Man (gman@fs.fed.us) (703) 605-5339.

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